

Public Notice: Request For Comments



Notice of Intent to Approve Plans for Closure of Hazardous Waste Storage Units at the INL [Docket # 10HW-0702]

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What is the purpose of this notice? An owner/operator proposing to close hazardous waste management units, subject to Idaho's Hazardous Waste Laws, must develop a plan for closure that meets specific requirements. Prior to approving such a plan, you (the public) and the applicant are given an opportunity to comment regarding the plan. The proposed plans provide procedures intended to remove waste tanks and the associated waste. The plan is hereby proposed for approval.

Describe the units being closed:

Action One: The Department of Energy (DOE) operated the Test Reactor Area (TRA)/ Materials Test Reactor (MTR) Warm Waste System at the INL Reactor Technology Complex within the MTR Building (TRA-603). A portion of the TRA/MTR Warm Waste System is subject to state hazardous waste laws including closure. The portion to be closed includes a 1,000 gallon reactor drain tank, a 2,200 gallon canal sump, and associated piping. The draft Partial Closure Plan describes waste removal and tank system removal or decontamination procedures intended to address the applicable requirements for

clean closure of the tank system.

Action Two: DOE operated the TRA Fluorinel Dissolution Process Mockup and Gamma Facilities Waste System at the INL Reactor Technology Complex within the Gamma Building (TRA-641). A portion of the tank system is subject to state hazardous waste laws including closure. The portion to be closed includes a 300-gallon catch tank, a 60-gallon receiver tank, and associated piping. The draft Partial Closure Plan describes waste removal and tank system removal or decontamination procedures intended to address the applicable requirements for clean closure of the tank system.

What closure conditions are affected? The Partial Closure Plans, in their entirety, are open for review and comment.

Where can I get more information?

In person: A copy of the draft Closure Plans may be reviewed at the Idaho DEQ State Office, located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho. The draft Closure Plans are also available for review at DEQ's Regional Office in Idaho Falls, located at 900 North Skyline, Suite B, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.
Online: Copies of the fact sheets are available on-line via the DEQ Web Site (<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/>).
By Phone: Call Ms. Jennifer Shafer at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho, and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are written comments due? 5 p.m. April 19, 2007. Comments should

be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Ms. Jennifer Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who will be responsible for implementing this plan? The Department of Energy (DOE).

Who is the issuing office? Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706.

What are DEQ's responsibilities?

The Idaho DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits and plans for certain activities.

What legal requirements apply?

Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on a draft plan for closure.

What happens next? DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for hearing and either announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the proposed plan, or approve the plan as proposed.